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For The Northern Mariana Islands
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Respondent,

vs.

Case No. **CV 08 - 0009**

CR-04-00038-001

ERIC JOHN TUDELA MAFNAS,
Petitioner.

MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

Comes Now, Eric Mafnas, requesting that the Honorable of this court to please accept this motion, in its rough form, requesting this court to appoint counsel, to represent me during proceeding under Title 28 U.S.C. §2255.

This court has jurisdiction to appoint counsel for such matters. I do not have means to obtain counsel, myself, nor the training, or education to adequately represent myself. The proceeding of my 2255, is a critical step of my due process, and it would be unjust to leave me without counsel at this time.

I do not have the means to hire my own counsel, nor do I have the experience, or know how to research, organize or file anything beyond this basic motion.

1 It would be in the courts best interest as well as mine, to have
2 someone trained to handle this matter.

3 There were errores, omissions, mistakes and two jurors that
4 should not have served on my cae due to the fact that, while on the
5 job with DPS, two of the jurors family members were involved in two
6 cases that was investigated by DPS. I brough this information to
7 the attention of Ms.Stephanie G. Flores, But she failed to address
8 this issue before jury selection. This would warrant my filing of a
9 \$2255, but I fear my lack of knowledge could lead to an unjust
10 conclusion.

11 I would hope the public defenders office would be able to assist
12 me with this matter. During sentencing I hired Attorney Mr.Trapp,
13 due to the ineffectiveness of Stephanie G, Flores another attorney
14 that I hired for my trial. Due to the conflit of interest of her
15 during trial Ms.Flores was fired.

16 In this matter Before the court Mr,Trapp has not been able to be
17 reached at this time. I sent a certified letter in which someone
18 from his firm signed recieved, but he has failed to respond. This
19 process of Mr.Trapp is denying me a right to appeal and a violation
20 of due process.

21 If neither of these options are available, I will accept another
22 qualified representation.

23 I apologize for this crude and unprofessional form, it is the
24 best that I could do.

25 Motion for the appointment of counsel

26 Copy sent to the Clerk of the court.
27 District Court for Northern MARIANA Islands
28 P.O. Box 500687
Saipan, M.P. 96950

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that I have served an accurate copy of the attached Motion for appointment of counsel in regard to \$2255.

upon the following party (ies):

To The Clerk of the court

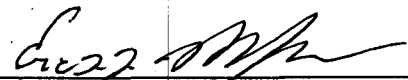
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postage prepaid, by placing same in the Bureau of Prisons' mailing system, on the date set forth below.

DATED: January 31, 2008.
Safford, Arizona



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